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SILVER POUNDS STERLING

Los Angeles Clippers owner Donald Sterling, centre, and V. Stiviano, right, watch the Clippers play the Sacramento Kings in Los Angeles last October. NBA commissioner Adam Silver announced Tuesday that Sterling has received a lifetime ban and a \$2.5-million US fine for racist comments he allegedly made that were recorded. For more coverage, see page 23. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Lawyer at centre of 'naked judge' controversy dies

Jack King. Death of man who posted explicit photos to the Internet a decade ago creates obstacles for the inquiry into Justice Lori Douglas

A Manitoba lawyer who once testified his "bizarre sexual behaviour" was to blame for an inquiry into his wife's ability to serve as a judge has died.

Jack King's death creates another hurdle for a stalled Canadian Judicial Council inquiry into Manitoba Court of Queen's Bench Justice Lori Douglas, whose sexually explicit photos were posted to the Internet a decade ago.

"It is with great sorrow that we confirm that our be-

loved husband, father and friend Jack King died peacefully early this morning after a short bout with cancer," the 66-year-old's family said in a brief written statement Tuesday.

King had admitted to taking 100 to 150 nude photos of Douglas before she became a judge, some of them showing her in bondage gear or performing sex acts. King used the photos in 2003 to harass a former client named Alexander Chapman and asked him in conversations and emails to have sex with his wife. In 2010, Chapman went public.

The inquiry is examining four allegations against Douglas, including a charge that she failed to disclose the existence of the photos when she was screened for a judicial appointment in

2005.

When he testified in 2012, King took the blame for the entire controversy. He said his wife had no idea he had uploaded the photos to the Internet or had approached Chapman with the sex proposal.

"It was essentially in pursuit of some absolutely bizarre sexual behaviour on my part," he told the inquiry.

The hearing collapsed when Guy Pratte, the independent counsel leading the inquiry, resigned in August 2012 due to the same concern.

The Canadian Judicial Council has appointed a new independent counsel and a new panel, but Douglas is asking the Federal Court of Appeal to quash the inquiry altogether.

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Homelessness plan released

Lofty goal. Task force aims to get everyone off streets in 10 years

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A task force made up of representatives from the private, public and not-for-profit sectors released an action plan Tuesday to end homelessness in Winnipeg over the next decade.

"We need to shift from managing homelessness to ending it," said Rob Johnston, co-chair of the task force and regional president of RBC. "Some may ask if it is really possible to end homelessness. We believe it is, and that we shouldn't settle for anything less."

The plan recommends the creation of a new non-profit organization to be up and running by the fall. The organization is tasked with delivering on 38 recommendations in four areas: prevention, creating a person-centred system of care, housing supply, and measurement.

The task force first con-

vened in December 2012 under the umbrella of the Winnipeg Poverty Reduction Council and United Way. Members worked with more than 45 community organizations, all levels of government, indigenous leaders, and members of the business community.

"We were privileged to hear from over 80 people with lived experience (of homelessness). There is no one who knows what works better and what doesn't work," said task force co-chair Cindy Coker of SEED Winnipeg.

Siloam Mission's Floyd Peraras said he's excited to see the plan recommend that 300 affordable housing units be built over the next five years. He also likes the idea of the non-profit being an umbrella organization for the city's homeless shelters.

"The idea of a one-point contact is that somebody doesn't have to tell their story four or five times to get services. It sounds to me like the point of contact will be in relation to getting housing, not necessarily having the ability to come for a meal or emergency shelter for people who want to get off the streets."



Cindy Coker of SEED Winnipeg Inc. and co-chair of the Community Task Force to End Homelessness says the 10-year plan focuses on four key areas, including prevention, creating a person-centred system of care and housing supply.
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Manitobans lead pack in aiding abused women

Manitobans are the most likely to help a friend out of an abusive relationship and report abuse to a family member, police or their doctor, says a nationwide Canadian Women's Foundation online survey taken in March.

Sandra Diaz, the foundation's marketing and communications vice-president, said violence against women continues to be a significant issue in Canada and has an impact on all citizens.

Sources of help

- Those seeking help out of an abusive relationship can call Manitoba's domestic violence crisis and information line at 1-888-977-0007.
- Visit canadianwomen.org for more information on the Canadian Women's Foundation.

"We've done a lot in the last year, in particular studying the idea of victim blaming and some of those barriers," added

Diaz.

"So getting a sense of whether women were concerned about being believed

and whether people had had experience believing and helping women was very interesting to us to get a sense of the greater scope of the issue in Canada."

Diaz said for Manitoba specifically, this province had the highest incidence of helping a friend leave an abusive partner.

The survey found 43 per cent of respondents said they'd tried to help a friend leave an abusive partner, compared to

the national average of 25 per cent.

Diaz also noted that more work may need to be done bridging the gap between women and Manitoba's police, including Winnipeg's, because the survey found that Manitobans had the least confidence that police would believe them if they experienced abuse — though, at 61 per cent, they were likely to report it to police first.

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Outlet mall to open in spring 2017 near Ikea

Winnipeg will soon have an outlet mall next to Ikea.

Ivanhoe Cambridge, Harvard Developments and Forster Projects are developing a 385,000-square-foot mall called Outlet Collection at Winnipeg, planned for the northwest quadrant of Kenaston and Sterling Lyon Parkway.

"We are thrilled to work alongside established real-estate players to bring the Outlet Collection experience to Winnipeg, which promises to offer an unparalleled retail mix to local shoppers and tourists from neighbouring provinces and U.S. states," said John Scott, senior vice-president at Ivanhoe Cambridge.

Outlet Collection at Winnipeg is expected to open in spring 2017 and will be home to more than 90 retailers. **METRO**

Up-and-comers

University of Winnipeg debuts improv festival next month

The University of Winnipeg is launching its first ever improv theatre festival this May.

The festival will run from May 7 to 9, with performances every night at 7 p.m. in the Asper Centre for Theatre and Film. Performances will

showcase up-and-coming improv acts from Winnipeg and several troupes from Edmonton.

Winnipeg's Stephen Sim, an improviser and member of the improv comedy duo Crumbs, will also direct an ensemble group on the final night of the festival.

Tickets are \$10 or \$8 for students and will be available at the door. **METRO**



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Petition

Wipe out interest on loans: Students group to province

The Canadian Federation of Students wants Manitoba to eliminate interest on student loans, but the government says it's already providing a lot of help.

The federation has presented a petition that calls on the province to wipe out interest on all outstanding loans to help graduates deal

with their debtloads.

Education and Advanced Learning Minister James Allum does not seem prepared to budget. He says the government already reduced the interest rate to prime — currently one per cent.

Allum says the province offers other incentives such as one of the lowest tuition rates in the country and tax credits for graduates who stay and work in the province.

The federation says students in Manitoba graduate with an average of \$19,000 in debt. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

City, province put record funding into local streets after hard winter



Mayor Sam Katz and City of Winnipeg Minister Kevin Chief announced Tuesday \$48.9 million in joint funding for more than 100 local road projects citywide this year. SHANE GIBSON/METRO

Rocky road. Worst of the worst streets, back lanes to get makeovers



SHANE GIBSON

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There is good news for drivers already getting tired of pothole season in Winnipeg — construction season is just around the bend.

The city and province announced Tuesday morning a record \$48.9 million will be spent on more than 100 local road reconstruction and rehabilitation projects citywide this year.

"It's been a terrible winter.... We're seeing way too many (potholes), there's no question," said Mayor Sam Katz, who told reporters the work is part of a long-term strategy to eliminate the road craters and improve

Fixer-uppers abound

\$48.9M

A record \$48.9 million will be spent on more than 100 local road reconstruction and rehabilitation projects citywide this year, the city and province announced Tuesday.

Winnipeg's aging infrastructure. "We're talking several years, as long as we can continue to put that money in. If we have more money to put in it'll take a shorter period of time.

"This isn't a one- or two-year address; this is going to take longer than that."

The city's side of the cash comes from the Local Street Renewal Reserve, which sees all of the one per cent property tax increase council put in place last year go to improving streets, back lanes and sidewalks.

The province's share,

roughly \$20 million, is coming from its five-year, \$250-million commitment for Winnipeg streets, according to a government spokesperson.

On top of the local street projects, Mayor Katz told reporters the city will spend an additional \$35 million this year on regional road repairs.

The city has budgeted \$279.6 million for local streets improvements over the next six years, according to a release.

To see a full list of streets seeing repairs, visit metronews.ca/winnipeg.

Details

A portion of the money promised Tuesday for local street improvements this year will be used to renew sidewalks, walkways, and bike paths.



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Alternative budget can take back the city: CCPA

Brown water, frozen pipes and potholes have put infrastructure top of mind for many Winnipeggers, and the Manitoba chapter of the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives (CCPA) says its shadow city budget released Tuesday would put it all behind us.

While the ideas in the 2014 Alternative Municipal Budget (AMB) — including doubling property taxes — may never see council floor, Lynne Fernandez of the CCPA hopes the 75-page document will stimulate debate leading up to October's civic election.

"Our goal is to educate, challenge and inspire voters and candidates alike," she told a crowded Carol Shields Auditorium at the budget's release. "Let's see if we can start taking some steps to take back our city."

Fernandez said an analysis of the city's actual 2014 capital budget shows this year's actual spending only deals with 11 per cent of the total infrastructure deficit.

The AMB proposes a six per



Lynne Fernandez of the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives Manitoba and Ian Hudson from the University of Manitoba. SHANE GIBSON/METRO

cent property tax hike (instead of the 2.96 per cent hike Winnipeggers actually saw) that would be used to borrow \$400 million to tackle the infrastructure problems.

"The infrastructure deficit is visible to everyone ... it has to be reversed and it's a massive undertaking," said Ian Hudson. "This six per cent increase amounts to about \$90 on a home with an assessed value of \$250,000, but that would generate an additional \$28 million in

revenue."

Other highlights of the budget include plans to spend \$100 million in the North End Waste Water Treatment Plant, transferring road expansion money to transit and active transportation projects, bringing snow removal back in-house, and the reversal of the city's vacancy management plan.

To see the whole alternative budget go to policyalternatives.ca/manitoba. SHANE GIBSON/METRO

Old Market Square 90 per cent more accessible: Coun.



The walkways and other improvements mean Old Market Square is more easily navigated by those with disabilities.

BERNICE PONTNAILLA/METRO

Improvements for wheelchair users. They include wider pathways, ramps and stairs with handrails

A city councillor and the Manitoba League of Persons with Disabilities (MLPD) say they're happy to see Old Market Square is now more accessible for people with disabilities.

"Some major issues have been dealt with," said Coun. Ross Eadie, who chairs the city's Access Advisory Committee.

Two and a half years ago, MLPD said the biggest problem with the park was with the ramp that provides wheelchair access to the green space in the southwest cor-

ner. The side walls also function as seating, and the pathway wasn't wide enough for wheelchair users to use.

Eadie said since the end of last season, the area in front of the stage has been widened by 20 feet, and the pathway around the park is now eight feet wider.

"Wheelchair users can move along and flow there pretty good, as long as people aren't sitting in the middle of the concrete."

Eadie added that the ramps and stairs now have handrails, with levels for shorter and taller people.

"Pretty well everything's dealt with. There's a few things, like on King Street where you have some tree wells and stuff that really weren't solvable within the park, but that's a public

street."

Eadie said the cube stage was accessible in the beginning for performers using wheelchairs, and it still is.

"Ultimately when it comes to accessibility, I would say that Old Market Square and The Cube are 90 per cent better."

MLPD co-chairs Jessie Turner and Carlos Sosa said they're disappointed accessibility wasn't a priority when Old Market Square was built.

"But MLPD is pleased to see the major entertainment site made more accessible," said Turner.

"It does mean that the voice of persons with disabilities does matter," said Sosa. "The changes that have been made have been results of people with disabilities speaking up." SCOTT BEST/METRO

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Restaurant reopens after 53-day frozen pipe closure

The owner of a Winnipeg restaurant says it's good to "be alive again" now that his business has reopened after being shut down for 53 days because of frozen pipes.

Stanley Dare has run the Foon Hai restaurant for the last 30 years.

His pipes froze on March 3 and he was shut down until

Monday.

Dare estimates he lost up to \$70,000 income in that time, plus the cost of spoiled food and the hydro bill he had to pay while he wasn't getting any water.

He employs about half a dozen workers and they've had to be laid off during that time.

At last count, there were

1,119 Winnipeg properties still waiting to have frozen water lines thawed.

City crews tried to thaw Dare's pipes using hot water twice. When that didn't work, they dug a hole in front of the restaurant to try the electrical method, but the water line was six feet off and another hole had to be dug. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Insurgents raise tensions in Ukraine

A key move.

Protesters demanding regional authority occupy government building in Luhansk

Protesters demanding more power for Ukraine's regions stormed the government building in Luhansk with baseball bats Tuesday, seizing control of a key site in one of the largest cities in Ukraine's troubled east.

The move further raises tensions in the east, where insurgents have seized city halls, police stations and other government buildings in at least 10 cities and towns.

The demonstrators who overran the building are seeking — at the very least — a referendum on granting greater authority to Ukraine's regions.

Eastern Ukraine, which has a large Russian-speaking population, was the heartland of support for Viktor Yanukovich, the president who fled to Russia in February. The government that replaced him in Kyiv



Pro-Russian activists storm an administration building in Luhansk Tuesday, one of the largest cities in Ukraine's troubled east. ALEXANDER ZEMLIANICHENKO/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

has resisted those demands so far, fearing they could lead to a breakup of the country or mean that more regions — like Crimea — are annexed by Russia.

The storming came as 1,000 demonstrators gath-

ered in front of the building. About 150 people, some masked and wielding baseball bats, broke out of the crowd and charged into the building, meeting with no resistance. Later protesters formed a corridor for police

who had been inside the building to leave.

In Kyiv, Ukraine's parliament on Tuesday discussed the possibility of holding a national referendum on whether the country should remain united or become a

loose federation that allows the regions more powers. However, nothing close to a consensus was reached.

Ukraine is already holding a new presidential election on May 25.

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Ukraine election

Canadian gov't hires new agencies to organize election observers

The Harper government has hired two agencies with relatively little experience in elections monitoring to organize hundreds of Canadian observers for next month's Ukrainian election. The government has hired the Forum of Federations and CUSO International to replace its longtime Ukraine election partner, the non-governmental organization Canadem. Veteran election observers, as well as Canadem, were caught off-guard by the announcement last week.

The project will see 338 bilateral, short-term Canadian observers sent to the May 25 vote in Ukraine.

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Commander outs Russian involvement on TV show

When shadowy commander Igor Strelkov appeared before the cameras recently, he did more than reveal the face of the insurgency rocking eastern Ukraine. He strengthened the case that Russia is behind the turmoil.

The commander did not address Ukraine and European Union assertions that he is a Russian intelligence officer. But he told journalists that he and his men entered Ukraine from Crimea, which Russia annexed in March after an insurgency that Russian President Vladimir Putin now admits involved Russian troops. Strelkov's assertion that many of the insurgents are not locals undermines rebel claims that the insurgency is a spontaneous uprising, rather than a co-ordinated operation backed by outside forces.

"The militia is of course strongly sprinkled with volunteers from other regions," Strelkov said in a taped interview with Russian tabloid Komsomolskaya Pravda. He estimated that a third of the fighters are not Ukrainian. He backtracked Tuesday in an interview with Russian



A Ukrainian journalist shows a photograph of Igor Strelkov, the mysterious commander of pro-Russian militias in Sloviansk, to his supposed neighbours in Moscow, Russia on Tuesday. IVAN SEKRETAREV/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

TV, claiming 90 per cent of the militiamen were Ukrainian.

The EU on Tuesday included Strelkov among 15 new people targeted by sanctions. EU documents identify him as a member of the Russian military intelligence agency GRU, as do Ukrainian authorities. The commander himself was cryptic about his origins in the weekend interview.

In Moscow, a flurry of drama surrounded Strelkov's emergence, as camera crews swarmed around an apartment building that Ukrainian TV reported was home to his mother. Neighbours told The Associated Press that a "fancy black car" had turned up Tuesday morning to whisk the woman away.

It wasn't clear why Strelkov has chosen to go public now. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Deadly tornadoes ravage the Deep South as death toll rises

Southern U.S. The storm system is the latest onslaught of severe weather after a tornado devastated Little Rock, Ark., Sunday

A dangerous storm system that spawned a chain of deadly tornadoes over three days flattened homes and businesses, forced frightened residents in more than half a dozen states to take cover and left tens of thousands in the dark Tuesday.

As the storm hopped across a large swath of the U.S., the overall death toll was more than 30, killed Monday and Sunday in a band stretching from Oklahoma to Alabama.

Some awoke Tuesday to find their loved ones missing and their homes pulverized. In Louisville, firefighters picked through the remains of mobile homes, and 20 of them linked hands to wade through debris. Rescue workers stepped

over downed power lines and broken trees.

With water and roof damage, the small local hospital's emergency room was evacuated Monday.

"We thought we were going to be OK, then a guy came in and said, 'It's here right now,'" said Dr. Michael Henry, head of the ER. "Then boom! It blew through."

Just east of the hospital, a woman died at the daycare centre she'd run for seven years, according to the county coroner. One seriously injured child was evacuated from the centre, said state Rep. Michael Evans, D-Louisville, who is acting as a liaison for the county.

"You see this in movies," said Abby Tucker, 27. "You don't see it in your own backyard."

The storm system is the latest onslaught of severe weather a day after a tornado carved an 80-mile path of destruction through Little Rock, Ark., killing at least 15. Severe storms also killed one person each in Oklahoma and Iowa on Sunday. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



Dan Wassman gets a hug from a friend, Amy Lundsford, at the home site of his son, also named Dan, who was killed when a tornado destroyed his home late Sunday afternoon in Vilonia, Ark. Tornadoes ripped through the region April 27, leaving many dead. MARK WILSON/GETTY IMAGES

Italian Judge says Knox delivered 'mortal blow'



In this 2011 file photo, Amanda Knox gestures during a press conference in Seattle. TED S. WARREN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The Italian appeals court that reinstated the conviction against Amanda Knox in her British roommate's 2007 murder said in a lengthy reasoning made public Tuesday that Knox herself delivered the fatal blow out of a desire to "overpower and humiliate" the victim.

Presiding Judge Alessandro Nencini concluded in a 337-page document that the evidence "inevitably leads to the upholding of the criminal responsibility" against Knox and her former Italian boyfriend Raffaele Sollecito for the murder of 21-year-old Meredith Ker-

cher in a hillside villa occupied by students in the university town of Perugia.

The judge said the nature of Kercher's wounds, which he said were inflicted by two knives, and the absence of defensive wounds indicated multiple aggressors were to blame, also including Rudy Hermann Guede, an Ivorian man convicted separately and serving a 16-year sentence.

Nencini presided over the Florence-based panel that reinstated the first trial guilty verdicts against Knox and Sollecito in January, handing Knox a 28

and a half year sentence including the additional conviction on a slander charge for wrongly accusing a Congolese bar owner. Sollecito faces 25 years.

The release of the court's reasoning opens the verdict to an appeal back to the supreme Court of Cassation.

The University of Washington student has been in the United States since 2011, when her earlier conviction was overturned. Knox, 26, has vowed to fight the reinstated conviction, saying she would "never go willingly" to Italy to face her judicial fate. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

The decision

Nencini's reasoning assigned the role of each assailant.

- Sollecito, now 30, used a small knife that caused a wound on Kercher's neck and also was used to remove her bra, the judge wrote, while Guede restrained and sexually assaulted the victim. Knox "delivered the only mortal blow," with a kitchen knife, the judge wrote.

Mass shooting

Six wounded in FedEx shooting

A FedEx employee wearing ammunition across his chest opened fire Tuesday at a package-sorting centre outside Atlanta, wounding six people, three critically, before committing suicide, police and witnesses said. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Botched execution

Death row inmate dies of heart attack

An inmate whose execution was halted because of a botched drug combination died of a heart attack, the head of the Okla. Department of Corrections said. Officials said Clayton Lockett had vein failure during the execution. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Colorado

BYOW: Like BYOB, but with weed

Saying it's bring-your-own-weed, the Colorado Symphony Orchestra will play a series of fundraising concerts sponsored by the state's growing pot industry.

In a statement Tuesday, symphony CEO Jerome Kern says they're part of efforts to

reach a broader audience.

Listeners are encouraged to bring their own marijuana to smoke or eat. Smoking will be allowed at the private venues where the first two 21-and-up concerts will be held. Organizers say they will follow the rules at the final show at the publicly owned Red Rocks Amphitheater, where smoking is banned. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Mexico City

Thieves stopped by vigilante justice

Mexico City officials said Tuesday an unidentified man disarmed a thief trying to rob passengers aboard a bus, then shot him and another thief to death before fleeing.

The Mexico City officials said the bodies of two men were found at the scene late

Monday, as were two pistols — one of them a toy.

Officials quoted witnesses saying the two men were allegedly robbing passengers at gunpoint when a bus rider wrestled a gun away from one thief, shot him and the accomplice. He has since been labelled "the anonymous avenger," or "Vengador Anonimo" in local media. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



Los Angeles Clippers owner Donald Sterling, seen here on the sidelines of a 2012 NBA playoffs game, won't get to watch his team in the current playoffs after the NBA banned him for life in response to racist comments the league says he made in a recorded conversation. STEPHEN DUNN/GETTY IMAGES FILE

NBA clips Sterling's wings with lifetime ban

Racist comments.

League commissioner says Clippers' owner acknowledged he was the man on the tape

Issuing about the strongest rebuke that he could, NBA Commissioner Adam Silver banned Los Angeles Clippers owner Donald Sterling for life Tuesday for making racist comments in a recorded conversation, the first step toward forcing a sale of the club and permanently removing Sterling from the league.

Silver also fined Sterling \$2.5 million US.

Sterling, the league's longest-tenured owner and someone with an estimated net worth of about \$2 billion US, did not offer any immediate comment.

Silver said a league inves-

Reaction



"This league is far bigger than any one owner, any one coach and any one player."

NBA Commissioner Adam Silver, speaking at a press conference Tuesday in New York City to discuss Los Angeles Clippers owner Donald Sterling.

tigation found that Sterling was in fact the person on the audiotapes that were released over the weekend.

Sterling still owns the team, but going forward he is immediately barred from attending any NBA games or practices, being present at any Clippers office or facility, participating in any business or player personnel decisions involving the team.

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South Korea's president apologizes for ferry disaster

South Korean President Park Geun-hye pays tribute to the victims of the sunken ferry Sewol at a group memorial altar in Ansan, South Korea. Guen-hye apologized Tuesday for the government's inept initial response to a deadly ferry sinking as divers fought strong currents in their search for nearly 100 passengers still missing nearly two weeks after the accident. The government also raised the death toll to 204 amid rising indignation over claims by the victims' relatives that the government did not do enough to rescue or protect their loved ones. YONHAP/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

U.S. Senate

Rand Paul proposes end to Palestinian aid

A Republican senator is pushing legislation that would end U.S. aid to the Palestinians unless they renounce terrorism and recognize the state of Israel.

Sen. Rand Paul introduced legislation on Tuesday that would cut off assistance, loan guarantees and debt relief to the Palestinian Authority or any affiliated government entity.

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Indianapolis airport

Three flights make emergency landings

Three aircraft made emergency landings at Indianapolis International Airport within one day. Airport spokesman Carlo Bertolini says a United Airlines regional jet landed Tuesday after reporting a possible problem with an auxiliary power unit. A military A10 aircraft also diverted to Indianapolis due to a fuel indicator problem. And a Delta flight to Atlanta carrying 112 people landed at about 2:45 p.m. due to engine trouble.

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New York

Murder trial might review rap lyrics

Jurors at the New York City trial of an alleged drug kingpin could be hearing his amateur rap rhymes as evidence against him.

Prosecutors have asked a judge to allow them to use the lyrics at the trial of Ronald "Da Riggs" Heron. The government says gritty recordings by Heron bolster allegations he was a stone-cold killer. Defence lawyers have argued that their client's work is a constitutionally protected expression of free speech.

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Carriage driver accused of faking ID on older horse

Breaking the rules.

N.Y.C. driver may have used a younger horse's identity to keep an ailing 22-year-old horse at work



A carriage horse is viewed as people protest against the use of carriage horses at Central Park on April 24 in New York City. SPENCER PLATT/GETTY IMAGES

A New York City carriage driver has been accused of altering a hoof brand to make a 22-year-old draft horse with a breathing ailment appear to be a healthier horse nearly half its age.

Frank Luo branded the wrong hoof identification number on an aging horse named Caesar, who was supposed to be resting on a Pennsylvania farm, so he could work under a licence issued to a 12-year-old horse named Carsen, city health officials said last month.

The details of the case come as Mayor Bill de Blasio and animal rights activists are pushing to ban the city's carriage industry as inhumane to the horses. Drivers have responded by saying they care for the horses like their own children.

In the written order, officials said a city vet noticed in late January that the horse had Carsen's ID number on its hoof, but its "physical characteristics and medical condition was that

of the older horse." Caesar had a mild, chronic condition called "heaves," which is similar to asthma, city officials said.

Luo told The Associated Press on Friday that the vet simply got it wrong.

"I did not switch the horses. It's just very confusing because they look alike," he said.

Initially, Luo submitted paperwork intended to prove that the horse really was Carsen, including a handwritten note from a Pennsylvania farmer who said Caesar had been on his farm for months. The city asked for more proof, including a veterinarian's evaluation.

Five days later, Luo's lawyer informed the department that he couldn't afford to have the horse sitting idle and had shipped him to Pennsylva-

nia and sold him. Luo said he would continue to operate his business using other horses.

The sale effectively ended the investigation by the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, which monitors the horses' health. But the Department of Consumer Affairs, which regulates the drivers, is still investigating.

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Not the first time?

A 2007 audit by the city noted that health certificates for carriage horses sometimes contained physical descriptions that changed from year to year, suggesting they weren't the same animals.



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Live-fire drills by N. Korea stokes anxiety in region

Routine drills.

New concerns arise following fatal shelling of South Korean island in 2010

North Korea conducted live-fire artillery drills near its disputed western sea boundary Tuesday, South Korean officials said, in a possible indication of rising frustration in Pyongyang as it pushes unsuccessfully for outside aid.

Both Koreas conduct such drills routinely, but they can be sensitive because North Korea doesn't acknowledge the UN-drawn sea boundary near South Korean islands and the North

Korean mainland in the Yellow Sea.

Last month, South Korea fired artillery shells into the North's waters after North Korean shells from a live-fire drill landed south of the boundary. After South Korean drills in 2010, North Korea shelled a South Korean island, killing four people.

On Tuesday afternoon, the North tested 50 rounds of artillery shells over 10 minutes, South Korean Defence Ministry spokesperson Kim Min-seok told reporters.

Analysts have said Pyongyang's announcements about such drills are driven by frustration that the country has achieved little in a recent push to win outside aid. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



A man watches a television news program at a train station in Seoul Tuesday, which reported on North Korea's live-fire drills. LEE JIN-MAN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Newly proposed bill looks to bolster Uganda anti-gay law

The Ugandan government has drafted a new bill to punish "errant" civic groups that meddle in domestic politics and promote "bad cultures," a senior government official said Tuesday, warning that groups deemed anti-government risk being driven out of this East African country.

The measure comes two

months after Uganda enacted a harsh anti-gay law amid Western condemnation and as the country's longtime president prepares to seek another term in office.

Ugandan President Yoweri Museveni's government has had an increasingly difficult relationship with non-governmental organizations, espe-

cially Western ones, and has accused some of talking politics and of trying to promote homosexuality among young Ugandans.

Under the new measure, which is under consideration by the Cabinet, civic groups risk losing their licenses if they engage in activities other than those officially declared

to local authorities, said James Baba, Uganda's deputy interior minister.

If the measure is passed by parliament, civic groups will be required to declare all their sources of funding to local authorities, their programs, as well as how their money is spent, he said, charging that some groups are actively in-

involved in political activism. He did not name those groups.

"Do we interfere in U.K. politics? Do we say who should be their prime minister? Why should they tell us who our president should be? And there are some NGOs which are here promoting bad cultures like homosexuality," he said.

Now civic groups are be-

ing targeted because they can stand "on the same platform with opposition politicians" to demand good governance and an end to corruption, said Jacqueline Asimwe-Mwesige, a Ugandan lawyer and prominent activist.

"The narrative is that (civic groups) are problematic," she said. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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Calls to ban 'Terminator'-type weapons

Autonomous killing machines.

Development of free-thinking military robots shrouded in global secrecy

Canada is being urged to lead a new international effort to ban so-called "killer robots" — the new generation of deadly high-tech equipment that can select and fire on targets without human help.

The Campaign to Stop Killer Robots is pushing for a new international treaty to ban such weapons from the battlefields of the future.

Paul Hannon, head of Mines Action Canada, said the development of such autonomous weapons — primitive versions of the Terminator of Hollywood fame — signals a profound change in the very nature of warfare.

Hannon's organization is one of nine international groups that are calling on Canada to take the lead in the banning of the weapons, as it was in the campaign against land mines in the 1990s.

"It was not that long ago that the world considered the land mine to be the perfect soldier. It is now banned because of the humanitarian harm it has created," Hannon said Tuesday on Parliament Hill.

It would be far better to squelch the development

Weapon development

Six countries known to be working on technology

- United States
- Britain
- Israel
- China
- Russia
- South Korea

of the weapons before they are actually built and deployed, Hannon said: Once the weaponization genie is out of the bottle, it is much harder to get it back in, he noted.

Hannon also said his group isn't opposed to the use of robotics by the military for non-combat uses such as transportation.

The coalition has no evidence to indicate any Canadian companies are working on such weaponry, and the Department of National Defence has provided assurances it hasn't contracted any research on the subject.

Autonomous weapons don't actually exist yet, but with the rapid advancements being made in robotics, there are troubling signs, said Peter Asaro, co-founder and of the New York-based International Committee for Robot Arms Control.

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A man walks suspended in tranquil reality

The waters of Howe Sound are seen from the suspension bridge at the top of the newly built Sea to Sky Gondola in Squamish, B.C., on Tuesday.

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Mall disaster. Engineer asks for secrecy in report

The discredited engineer charged in the collapse of a northern Ontario mall is asking for a judicial inquiry into the disaster to keep secret some of its report, expected in October, until the criminal proceedings against him are over.

In an unusual move, Bob Wood notified the commission of his intent to bring a formal application for the redactions of any material in the final report relating to him.

In response, Commissioner

Paul Belanger on Tuesday ordered Wood to provide the commission details of his arguments, including any legal justification, for the secrecy request by May 16.

Belanger said he would make the application and its supporting materials public.

In January, provincial police charged Wood with two counts of criminal negligence causing death and one of causing bodily harm.

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Dead whale. Smell of death wafts through town

The carcass of a blue whale is rotting along the shoreline of a western Newfoundland town, triggering concerns it could burst.

Emily Butler, the town clerk in Trout River, said the 26-metre long mammal is beached next to a community boardwalk and is emitting a powerful stench spreading through the town of 600 people.

Butler said she is worried about the possibility of gas expanding inside the dead ani-

mal to the point where it will rupture.

The whale is one of three beached in small communities along Newfoundland's west coast near Gros Morne National Park.

A spokesman for the Fisheries Department has said the responsibility of removing dead whales usually falls to the municipality and then the province, which must obtain a special permit from the department.

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Canadian pleads for husband's release

Man held in Egypt.
Health of former Morsi aide failing after 300 days

A Canadian woman is pleading for federal help to convince Egypt to release her husband from captivity in a Cairo jail.

Sarah Attia says the health of her husband, Khaled Al-Qazzaz, is deteriorating.

Attia says she's growing more worried about his fate after word this week that more than 680 people with ties to ousted president Mohammed Morsi were added to a list of those facing death sentences.

Al-Qazzaz is a former aide to Morsi and a Canadian permanent resident.

He was arrested along



Sarah Attia, wife of Khaled Al-Qazzaz.
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with Morsi and eight other presidential aides early in July of last year when the Egyptian military removed Morsi from office.

While Al-Qazzaz has yet to be charged with any offence, Monday marked 300 days since his arrest.

Attia, who was born in Canada, was scheduled to meet Tuesday with Missis-

sauga MP Stella Ambler.

Attia and Al-Qazzaz have four children ranging in age from one-and-a-half to eight years old. The two met while studying at the University of Toronto and moved to Egypt in 2005 to launch an educational project.

Al-Qazzaz campaigned for Morsi following the 2011 Egyptian uprising and was later appointed the former president's secretary on foreign relations.

"There is an increased concern that, any moment now, Khaled may witness trumped-up charges and, like others, face a death sentence as well," Attia told an Ottawa news conference.

She said she's aware that Foreign Affairs Minister John Baird recently raised Al-Qazzaz's case with the new Egyptian regime, but has no details of the discussions. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



Price tag for jets could soar

A F-35 is seen during the Joint Services Open House and Air Show at Andrews Air Force Base in Maryland. A new report says the operating costs of Canada's proposed new stealth fighter could be much higher than what the Harper government is acknowledging. **BRENDAN SMIALOWSKI/GETTY IMAGES**

Court of appeal

Khadr's status before court

Former Guantanamo Bay detainee Omar Khadr turns to Alberta's top court Wednesday in hopes of having his eight-year prison term recognized as a youth rather than an adult sentence.

At issue before Alberta's Court of Appeal is whether Correctional Service of Canada has correctly interpreted the sentence handed down by an American military commission in 2010 after Khadr pleaded guilty to five war crimes he committed as a 15-year-old.

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Toronto

New terror group

A Canadian organization, the International Relief Fund for the Afflicted and Needy, has been formally branded a terrorist group before the start of a court battle over the revocation of its charitable status.

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Why go to Mars?
Futurists say the better question is: Why not?



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Peering into the coming decades, Glen Hiemstra has little doubt that humans will one day walk on Mars.

"It's a question of inevitability more than a question of feasibility," the Seattle-based author, consultant and founder of Futurist.com told Metro. "We will eventually go there."

While Hiemstra described the goal of the Mars One project to land settlers on the Red Planet in 2025 as "very ambitious," he also believes the timeline isn't all that far off.

"In my opinion, optimistically, it's the 2030s, not the 2020s," he said. "Realistically, it's probably the 2040s, 2050s before we've really assembled everything that we need."

Len Rosen, the Toronto-based author of 21st Century Tech Blog, foresees a similar timeframe for humanity's first footprints on Martian soil.

"The most optimistic people think in the 2030s — somewhere in that decade," said the 65-year-old Rosen. "I'm hoping I'll be alive to see it."

Questions of how aside, both Rosen and Hiemstra had similar answers when asked

the bigger question: Why should we go to Mars?

Neither thought it likely that, in the immediate future at least, humans would need another planet to escape some calamity on Earth. Rather, they said, it's more a matter of satisfying our natural desire to explore.

"Curiosity is a huge part of our human nature," Rosen said. "Why do you climb a mountain to the top? You're not doing it because you feel you need to find something at the top of the mountain, other than the satisfaction."

Hiemstra said there is a certain "lifeboat aspect to settling somewhere else," adding that humanity will need another planet at some point in the distant, distant future, but for now that's not the main driver to send people to Mars.

"I think it's really driven more by the exploratory impulse," he said.

That impulse has been behind many past human achievements, Rosen noted.

"What drove us to learn how to build aircraft?" he said. "At the time I don't think anybody thought we needed to do it, but we did it. And now, what would be our world without air transport?"

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A human expedition to Mars is proposed within the next 15 years. Over the next three days, Metro will take you on a pre-flight trip to show you how we'll get there, who might be first to go, and what it might be like when they arrive in this new frontier.

Spacecraft propulsion of the past, present and future ...

Faster and faster. The roughly seven-month trip to Mars is seen as one of the major challenges in sending people to the Red Planet.

Such a long journey will take a toll on astronauts, both in terms of exposure to high levels of space radiation and the long-term effects of microgravity on the human body. But scientists are researching all sorts of different ways to speed up spacecraft and cut down on the travel time. Here are some of the propulsion methods being considered:

Liquid-fuelled rockets

This is the type of propulsion that has been sending rockets off of the Earth's surface since the 1950s. It remains the most feasible and readily available method of powering spacecraft, although the challenge for interplanetary travel (rather than just putting craft in orbit) is that it requires both fuel and oxygen — and that can become burdensome to carry, as oxygen accounts for most of the mass in typical propellant combinations.

Ion/plasma thrusters

This approach to propulsion uses electric forces to hurl tiny charged particles at high speeds. Many satellites already use this technology to help stabilize their orbits. These thrusters have been eyed for extremely long-distance space travel, as they can provide small but continuous acceleration for months, even years. But a former NASA astronaut is working on a "Variable Specific Impulse Magnetoplasma Rocket" (VASIMR) he believes could one day reach Mars in just 40 days.

Nuclear fission

Splitting atoms to derive energy is an attractive option because a tiny amount of nuclear fuel can deliver an enormous amount of propulsion. The main challenge lies in safely controlling the fission reaction, as you don't want a meltdown in space. Nevertheless, NASA is working on a "Fission Fragment Rocket Engine" that it believes could provide "significant thrust" using "small amounts of readily available, energy dense, long lasting fuel."

Nuclear fusion

This process involves the smashing of atoms together rather than splitting them apart, but it is similarly attractive because it harnesses massive amounts of energy from small amounts of fuel. A deuterium-tritium fuel pellet the size of a grain of sand could deliver as much propulsion as a gallon of liquid rocket fuel from a "Fusion Drive Rocket" under development by NASA and the University of Washington.

Antimatter engine

Anti matter engines are largely the stuff of science fiction, but the NASA Institute for Advanced Concepts is funding a team of researchers who are looking into the possibility of such technology. The idea is to collide matter with antimatter, resulting in a complete annihilation of mass, all of which is converted to energy. As NASA writes on its website: "While tons of chemical fuel are needed to propel a human mission to Mars, just tens of milligrams of antimatter will do."

TO PLANET

Success rate climbing with successive missions

Historically, more missions to Mars have failed than succeeded, but the success rate is climbing as technology improves and new missions build on the lessons of previous ones.

NASA, itself, has seen a string of recent successes, from the Spirit and Opportunity rovers in 2003, to the Mars Reconnaissance Orbiter in 2007, to the famous Curiosity rover that landed in 2012 and has been sending back high-definition imagery ever since.

NASA's next major mission, named InSight, is set to launch in March 2016 with the goal of landing a robotic drill on the Red Planet that will probe five metres into Martian soil.

Working on the robot is Catherine Johnson, a professor of planetary geophysics at the University of British Columbia, who said the tricky task of safely placing a delicate lander on

the surface of Mars is becoming easier in one sense, but harder in another.

"One of the things that is becoming more and more challenging — in a good way — is that we have more and more information about the surface of Mars now, at higher and higher resolution," she said.

"So our criteria for what is a safe landing site gets stricter and stricter."

But even with a perfectly calculated trajectory and an ideal location to land, Johnson said there's one curveball Mars can still throw at you — the weather.

"A planet with an atmosphere, even if it's only a thin atmosphere like on Mars, that atmosphere can be quite variable," she said. "You never know exactly what's going to be happening the day you land."

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Success and failures

In a "historical log" of 41 missions (not all of them landing missions) undertaken by various countries since 1960, NASA counts:

- 23 as having failed
- 16 as having succeeded
- 2 as "success/failure" for partially achieving their goals



An artist's conception of the stationary NASA Mars lander known as InSight, set to launch in March 2016 with the goal of drilling into the interior of Mars.
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Journey to Mars

Hundreds of millions of kilometres on a slingshot-trip around the sun

The trip to Mars is a long one.

Next to Venus, the Red Planet is the second closest to Earth, but the direct distance from here to there is still measured in the tens of millions — sometimes hundreds of millions — of kilometres.

That's because, as Earth and Mars each make their way around the sun, the distance between the two terrestrial planets varies widely.

At its closest, Mars can be about 55 million kilometres away. At its furthest, it's more than 400 million kilometres away. Earth has the inside track around the sun, orbiting every 365 days, while the Mars year is longer — roughly 687 days.

The difference between their orbital periods means that Earth "laps" Mars about



A depiction of how a spacecraft would go from Earth to Mars using a Hohmann transfer orbit.

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once every 26 months.

These moments present an ideal launch window for spacecraft, although even then the journey is not a direct A-to-B path.

A typical trip to Mars follows what's called a "Hohmann transfer orbit," in which a spacecraft leaves Earth on one side of the sun, slingshots around the sun, and meets up with Mars on the far side of the sun from where it began. The entire journey spans hundreds of millions of kilometres and takes about seven months.

This is the route that Mars One plans to use.

According to its ambitious schedule, the non-profit foundation aims to launch unmanned spacecraft carrying equipment and robots to the Red Planet in 2018, 2020, and 2022, and then send the first crew of human settlers — on a one-way trip — in 2024.

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Who on earth would take a one-way trip to Mars? Find out in Day 2 of Mission to Mars

Mission to Mars: Day 1

- **Day 2, Thursday:** Hopeful pioneers will likely have to bid farewell to their loved-ones forever — and live the not-so-glamorous life of an astronaut.
- **Day 3, Friday:** OK, so we've landed. Now what? Will there be taxes, a government? (So many questions, but we've got some answers); plus we talk to a real-live guinea pig.
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Canadian content rules

This porn needs more maple syrup and Mounties, stat!

Three TV channels specializing in pornography have been forced to enhance their Canadian content and closed captioning to meet CRTC guidelines.

A trio of AOV channels and two mainstream, non-pornographic channels are up for licence renewals.

They had been warned by the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission that they may have failed to comply with licensing conditions by providing less than 35 per cent Canadian programming. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

Bitumen

Suncor sets sights on refining Alta. oil in Montreal

A project that would enable Suncor Energy Inc.'s Montreal refinery to process thick, tarry oilsands bitumen from Alberta could get the green light later this year or early in

2015, CEO Steve Williams said Tuesday.

The Montreal coker project is just one way Suncor is looking to cut crude costs at the refinery, which has long relied on pricey overseas imports.

Suncor is not disclosing the estimated pricetag of the coker project, but Williams says it will cost much less to build in Montreal than in Alberta. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

How often are telecoms giving data to the feds?

Calls for more. Privacy commissioner pushes for specifics on personal info being given to government



Chantal Bernier
THE CANADIAN PRESS

less disclosure of data, to no avail.

Bernier said the companies have only provided her office with aggregate

Canada's privacy commissioner says telecom companies are refusing to tell her office how many times they have handed over personal customer information to the federal government without a warrant.

Chantal Bernier, the interim privacy commissioner, said her office has repeatedly asked telecom companies to disclose statistics and the scope of warrant-

data, which shows how many times the telecom industry as a whole gives the government customer information without a warrant.

Bernier said she would like to see specific statistics published about this information.

"It would give a form of oversight by empowering citizens to see what the scope of the phenomenon is." **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

South of the border

The U.S. Supreme Court seemed wary Tuesday of allowing police unbridled freedom to search cellphones found on people they arrest without first getting a warrant.

- A key question in two cases argued Tuesday is whether Americans' cellphones, with vast quantities of sensitive

records, photographs and communications, are a private realm much like their homes.

- The justices suggested they might favour limiting warrantless cellphone searches to looking for evidence of the crime on which an arrest is based. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



Mercedes-Benz recalls more than 284,000 C-Class cars

A Mercedes C-Class C350 sits on display at the New York International Auto Show in April 2011, in New York City. Mercedes-Benz is recalling more than 284,000 C-Class cars in the U.S. and Canada because the rear lights can fail. The recall affects some C300, C350 and C63 AMG cars from the 2008 through 2011 model years. The problem affects nearly 253,000 cars in the U.S. and another 31,000 in Canada. **STORY: THE CANADIAN PRESS; PHOTO: RAMIN TALAEI/GETTY IMAGES**

Security. TSA's PreCheck takes flight at Air Canada

The U.S. Transportation Security Administration is expanding its PreCheck expedited screening program to passengers on international airlines.

Air Canada on Tuesday became the first international carrier to participate, with TSA officials saying other foreign airlines would soon sign on. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Report. Rude luxury-shop staff boosts bottom line

If luxury brands want to sell more, they should hire rude sales staff.

That's the finding of a new University of B.C. study that reveals consum-

ers who get the brush-off at high-end retailers are more willing to fork over the big bucks.

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I'm sure I'm not the only guy who ever wished he could be George Clooney, if only for a day.

A winning combination of intelligence, talent, wit, savoir faire, je ne sais quoi and all those other untranslatable French phrases, George tops it all off with matinee-idol good looks.

Not surprising. He's a matinee idol, duh. Which is no small distinction. Matinee idols are a dying breed. All the other guys on the cover of GQ look alike and are called Hemsworth. George is the epitome of class at a time when class is 40 per cent off at the outlet mall. Who wouldn't want to be George?

Until now, George was also the world's most eligible bachelor. Apparently — I wouldn't know — that's tough. When the women of the world are throwing themselves at your feet, it can be a challenge, or so I hear. George handled the "too many women problem" by doing his best to date them all. And after a brief matrimonial experi-



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ment in the early '90s, he also tried to live with them all, one at a time, for two-to-three-year stretches.

A selfless quest, if doomed to failure. There's just not enough George to go around. And, truth be told, at 53, he's not getting any younger. You could see it in Gravity. Sandra Bullock was the undisputed star and George was relegated to supporting role status as the kindly sidekick, sort of Buzz Lightyear with crinkles. Not wrinkles. George will never have wrinkles.

The signs are clear. The man who bet Michelle Pfeiffer \$100,000 that he'd never get married again is ready to settle down. All those cocktail waitresses, supermodels and female wrestlers were OK when he was dating the entire

female gender, but now he has to pick one. And so he's focused that formidable charm on the world's smartest and most beautiful woman, who, in case you're wonder-

ing, is 36-year-old Amal Alamuddin. It's hard to believe she is just one woman. She tops the list of the 21 Hottest Barristers in London, was educated at Oxford, specializes in international law, speaks three languages, advises the Secretary General of the UN on human rights in Syria, represented ex-Ukrainian Prime Minister Yulia Tymoshenko and helped Wikileaks founder Julian Assange resist extradition to Sweden.

Imagine it's hard to pull the wool over Ms. Alamuddin's eyes, but when the wolf mounting the charm offensive is George Clooney, what can you do? You sigh, succumb, and go to meet mom. Who, by the way, approves of this prodigious combination of beauty and brains.

Of course, this is real life, not Hollywood. The union of the world's most eligible bachelor and the paragon of global jurisprudence does not, at first blush, look like a recipe for Happily Ever After. Amal better hope George's attempt to mate, er, date the planet is over, and George better hope he doesn't end up before a world tribunal on matrimonial war crimes. Still, today, it's all about congratulations and the triumph of class over crass.

ZOOM

Science experimantis



Newcastle University scientists research vision by outfitting a praying mantis with 3D glasses.
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Q&A

"It's a test for their eyesight"



VIVEK NITYANANDA
Research associate at Newcastle University's Institute of Neuroscience

A praying mantis has been outfitted with the world's smallest pair of 3D glasses as part of an experiment to understand the insect's vision. Scientists from Newcastle University used beeswax

to affix the five-millimetre-wide shades on the bug's head.

Here's what researcher Vivek Nityananda had to say about the experiment:

What inspired you to put 3D glasses on a bug?

We wanted to find out how three-dimensional vision has evolved. Like humans, praying mantises have 3D vision, or stereopsis. They are the only insects with such sight.

How did your mantis take to its new eyewear?

It tried to take them off at first, but eventually got pretty comfortable with

them and went about its usual mantis business.

Do the glasses work?

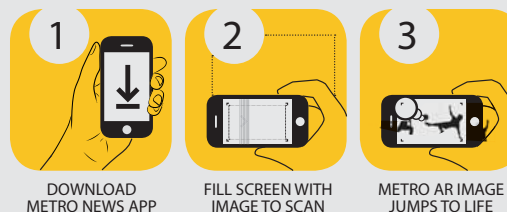
So far, our results have been mixed. It's promising but we haven't nailed it down yet.

Maybe the insect will prefer the glasses, as a super-enhancement to its vision. (Laughs) It doesn't really change its eyesight for the better; we're just fooling it into misjudging depth. But the glasses do make them seem more sophisticated, and they definitely look weirder than they already are.

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Anybody who has travelled abroad has likely been warned about the skilled pickpockets who are hoping to ply your wares in the world's larger tourist havens.

But as this security footage shot in Thailand shows, keeping your belongings safe is more than just a matter of having your cash strapped to your belly and your belongings always in sight. Because a highly co-ordinated phalanx of thieves, complete with distraction games and carefully constructed props, makes for a formidable enemy.



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Stone shines in every role

From The Help to Spider-Man. Whether the role demands Lucille-Ball-style screwball comedy, fiery rage and indignation or sizzling chemistry, Emma thrives



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The Spider-Man movies don't skimp on the stuff that puts the "super" into superhero movies. There's web-slinging shenanigans and wild bad guys galore, but The Amazing Spider-Man 2 director Marc Webb calls the relationship between Spidey and girlfriend Gwen Stacy, "the engine of the movie."

The chemistry the real-life couple brings to the screen is undeniable, but it almost didn't get a chance to blossom. Before Stone landed the role of the brainiac love interest, Mia Wasikowska, Imogen Poots, Emma Roberts and even Lindsay Lohan were considered.

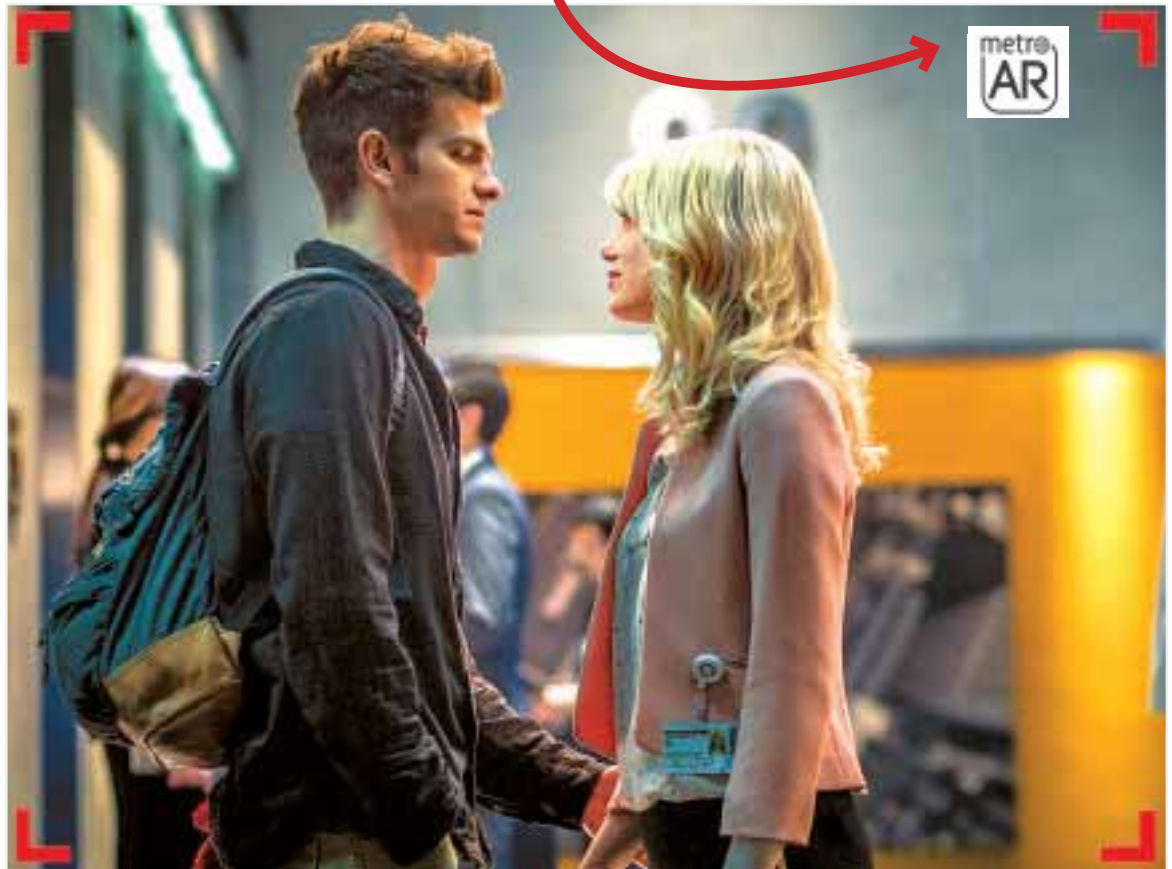
Stone won some of the best reviews of her career playing Gwen in The Amazing Spider-Man — Peter Travers said she, "just jumps to life on screen" — in a role that gave her the biggest hit of her career to date.

Smaller roles in Superbad and Zombieland hinted at her ability to be funny and hold the screen, but in 2010's Easy A she turned a corner into full-on Lucille Ball mode, mixing pratfalls with wit while pulling faces and cracking jokes. Smart and funny, she's the film's centrepiece.

The movie begins with the voice over, "The rumours of my promiscuity have been greatly exaggerated." It's the voice of Olive (Stone), a clean-cut high school senior who tells a little white lie about losing her virginity. As soon as the gossip mill gets a hold of the info, however, her life takes a parallel course to the heroine of the book she is studying in English class — The Scarlet Letter.

Stone is laugh-out-loud funny in Easy A, but her breakout film was a serious drama.

In The Help, she plays Jackson, Miss. native "Skeet-



Emma Stone and real-life love interest Andrew Garfield bring chemistry to the big screen in The Amazing Spider-Man 2. CONTRIBUTED

Web slinger

Spider-Man powers get real

Patrick Priebe is the new Spider-Man ... in terms of gadgetry, at least. The German lab technician has created a working web shooter, which fires pellets and a harpoon-tipped, retractable fishing line instead of a liquid web. Far from requiring any actual superpowers, the web-slinging contraption is a battery-run coil gun that is powered through electromagnetism. Metro nets the every-day tech guru — behind the website laser-gadgets.com — for a chat about all things superhero.

The real Spider-Man catches bad guys, so do you use the web shooter to clean the streets of pests?

(Laughs) The only thing that you'll be grappling with is an apple.

Could you switch on the TV with the pellets or fishing line?

That actually might work. You could also grapple magnetic objects with the fishing line. The only problem is that they might shatter on impact.

No beer cans, then. Do you try out any kick-ass movie-style stunts?

I do a lot of sports like hockey, which is dangerous in its own way. But those stunts are way too extreme for me.

The Batman vs. Superman movie is out in



Patrick Priebe has invented a working web shooter, which fires pellets and a harpoon-tipped, retractable fishing line. CONTRIBUTED

the near future. Who's going to win?

Batman is too grumpy; Superman is the best of all heroes; he would kick everyone's ass. He has X-ray vision.

Can you create the Superman-style laser eyes?

I have made laser eyewear. It's like Cyclops from X-Men, and works pretty well. It's very dangerous. That's why I don't show people how to do it on my website.

Any danger of your gadgets causing actual harm?

Well, the web shooter emits 350 volts and can shock you to death!

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er" Phelan who comes home from four years at school to discover the woman who raised her, a maid named Constantine (Cicely Tyson), is no longer employed by her family. Her mother says she quit, but Skeeter has doubts. With the help of a courageous group of housekeepers she tells the real story of the life of the maids, writing a book called The Help.

The Flick Filosopher called her performance, "on fire with indignation and rage," and she moved from The Help to a variety of roles, including playing a femme fatale in Gangster Squad opposite Ryan Gosling and Josh Brolin, and lending her trademark raspy voice to cave girl Eep in the animated hit The Croods.

The 25-year-old actress is living her childhood dream of being an actress but says if performing hadn't worked out, she would have been a journalist, "because (investigating people's lives is) pretty much what an actor does. And imagine getting to interview people like me," she laughs. "It can't get much better than that."



The cast of Star Wars: Episode VII includes up-and-comer Oscar Isaac. GETTY IMAGES FILE

Star Wars: Episode VII Cast finally announced

Star Wars: Episode VII finally has its stars. May the Force be with them.

After months of carefully guarded secrecy and endless Internet speculation, Lucasfilm and Walt Disney Co. unveiled the cast of the latest incarnation of the space epic Tuesday on the official Star Wars website.

Starring in J.J. Abrams' new Star Wars are: John Boyega, Daisy Ridley, Adam Driver, Oscar Isaac, Max von Sydow, Andy Serkis and Domhnall Gleeson.

The companies declined to name the characters each

will play, though Driver, the breakout star of HBO's *Girls*, is widely expected to be playing the film's feature villain.

They join returning Star Wars veterans Harrison Ford, Mark Hamill and Carrie Fisher. Peter Mayhew is also back as Chewbacca and Kenny Baker will reprise R2-D2.

Star Wars: Episode VII, which will be set 30 years after 1983's *Return of the Jedi*, will be released in December 2015. Disney acquired Lucasfilm in 2012, and immediately put a new Star Wars trilogy into development. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Justice League. Will Matt Damon don green tights for the role of Aquaman?

Rumours have it that Matt Damon could be slated to join his longtime friend Ben Affleck on the set of Zack Snyder's forthcoming superhero movie. That's the buzz on TheWrap.com.

Matt Damon could board Justice League, the feature on the DC Comics superhero team, along the same lines as Marvel's *Avengers*. The speculation should be regarded as such, however, especially since the character he is thought to play is not even guaranteed to appear in the movie.

Damon may be in line to play Aquaman, king of the underwater city of Atlantis, whose superpowers include telepathy and superhuman strength.

If the rumours are true, Damon will co-star with Ben Affleck and Henry Cavill, who are expected to return as Batman and Superman respectively.

The other persistent rumours surrounding Justice



Matt Damon is rumoured to be on board for the upcoming Justice League film. ANNE-CHRISTINE POUJOULAT/ AFP

League pertain to its possible release date. While Latino Review thinks the feature will be in theatres on May 5, 2017, the Wall Street Journal indicates that the feature will be released in 2018 at the earliest. **AFP**

Online TV

Yahoo unveils original online show content

Yahoo has unveiled original online shows and new advertising options as it continues a long-running attempt to evolve into an Internet venue for premier content.

The offerings will include two comedy programs, a partnership with Live Nation to stream concerts, an online travel magazine, and new advertising capabilities.

Other Space, a science fiction comedy, will centre on a spaceship crew winding up in an alternate universe in the early 22nd century, while *Sin City Saints* tells the story of a Silicon Valley tycoon who buys a Las Vegas pro basketball team.

The new shows will launch on Yahoo Screen next year and be viewable on mobile devices, desktop computers or through Apple TV or Roku set-top boxes. **AFP**

HBO

Game of Thrones sets ratings record

The HBO fantasy series *Game of Thrones* achieved a new record audience with the fourth episode of its fourth season, entitled *Oathkeeper*, which aired on Sunday, April 27.

The broadcast was watched by close to seven million viewers at 9 p.m., and the total audience number climbed to 8.4 million when taking into account viewers of rebroadcasts through the night. **AFP**



Season 4, Episode 4 of *Game of Thrones* was the most-watched yet. HBO



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Kim and Kanye lockdown their love this week

It is being reported that Kim Kardashian and Kanye West will be wed in a very small, private ceremony with a justice of the peace in Los Angeles this week.

Yes, yes, yes — the lavish Parisian celebration is still taking place, but before that occurs, their lawyers are recommending they be

hitched in a civil ceremony to avoid going through an international bureaucratic nightmare. After they say "I do" in court, they will then fly to Paris to plan their wedding.

Get your suits and dresses dry cleaned now — it's reported they will be married on May 24.

Even George's family is stunned he's giving up bachelorhood

So how did committed bachelor George Clooney end up feeling compelled to propose to girlfriend Amal Alamuddin after just six months of dating? That's a mystery even his own family can't solve.

"This woman must be exceptionally special to him for him to take the plunge. He hasn't seen her very long. In the past there has at least been some sort of length of time," the actor's aunt, Starla Clooney, tells Radar Online. "I'm just as surprised as the rest



George Clooney

of the world. George was going to be a bachelor his whole life. She must have really bowled him over."

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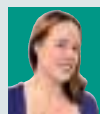
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The Word



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Donald Sterling's girlfriend, V. Stiviano, reads Metro?



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After the audio tapes of Clippers' owner Donald Sterling spewing racial slurs hit, his alleged girlfriend and leaker of those

tapes, V. Stiviano, made her Instagram account public for the world to see. And if you haven't looked at it, you should. It is truly weird and obnoxious — she overuses hashtags more than a 13-year-old girl.

After some sleuthing, we stumbled upon this shot of her reading a Metro with the caption, "I'm searching for love in the classified section!"

We at Metro want you to know we don't support people like Donald Sterling advertising in our classified section. She must have found him some other way. Maybe racistsugardaddy-forme.com?



Craig Ferguson

Craig Ferguson gives up the late-night chair

In the latest of a series of late-night comedy shake-ups, Craig Ferguson, host of CBS' The Late Late Show since 2005, has announced that he is leaving the show.

This is the most recent domino to fall in the late-night lineup. David Letterman announced his retirement from Ferguson's lead-in, The Late Show, earlier in April. CBS quickly named Stephen Colbert of The Colbert Report as his successor. Many speculated

that, with no chance of being promoted to the earlier show, Ferguson would leave when his contract ends this year, which turned out to be the case.

"CBS and I are not getting divorced, we are 'consciously uncoupling,' but we will still spend holidays together and share custody of the fake horse and robot skeleton, both of whom we love very much," Ferguson said in a statement, referring to two popular props from the show.

Twitter



@lenadunham

Jack just got home from a week away and the first thing he did was try to convince me that Tara Reid is in Schindler's List



@KChenoweth

the actress playing Lady Stark in Game of Thrones is just incredible.



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Even for golfers determined to spend every possible moment swinging the sticks, the Outer Banks of North Carolina offer other attractions too essential to ignore.

Foremost among them is the Wright Brothers National Memorial, set on the now hallowed ground near the beach town of Kitty Hawk where Wilbur and Orville Wright launched the first powered air flight in 1903.

A stone pillar marks the precise spot of that epochal liftoff, and the site's prize attraction is a full-scale replica of the Wright Flyer, their first primitive aircraft.

The Wright brothers are credited with making famous this sun-drenched 320-kilometre long chain of barrier islands, just off the coast of North Carolina and a small stretch of Virginia.

Today, the coastline's white sand beaches, light-houses, oyster houses, quaint shingle-sided inns and outstanding golf courses are year-round attractions — although peak season runs from May through September.

Capricious winds off the turbulent waters offshore, known as the Graveyard of the Atlantic, frequently bedevil golfers at the popular oceanfront courses of OBX, as tourism marketers have branded the Outer Banks.

Most cruelly exposed to the elements is Nags Head Golf Links, a Scottish-style design where several holes play alongside Roanoke Sound. Golf Digest called architect Bob Moore's layout "the longest 6,126 yards you'll ever play."

Another seaside beauty



Nags Head Golf Links is cruelly exposed to the turbulent waters of the Atlantic and offers a challenging 18-hole game. ALL PHOTOS: CONTRIBUTED/PLAYOBXGOLF.COM



A stroll through beauty like this will make you forget the frustration of golf.

is Currituck Club, a dramatic Rees Jones design that sweeps across 600 acres of dunes, wetlands, maritime forests and sound seascapes.

High seas swept ashore another of the coast's unique attractions. Wild horses, descendants of Spanish mustangs that sur-

vived 16th-century shipwrecks, freely roam the dunes of Swan Beach, North Swan Beach and Carova Beach. Jeep tours offered from the nearby town of Corolla provide a close-up look at the tenacious survivors of a herd that once ranged throughout the barrier islands.

Where to stay

Many visitors rent beach houses through local agents. Popular inns include Nags Head Inn and Hilton Garden Inn in Kitty Hawk. But gorgeously remodelled Sanderling Resort, a beachhouse-style property just outside the town of Duck, is especially memorable. Three pools and a wraparound deck overlook an uninterrupted strand of prime Atlantic beachfront.

Nags Head, Kill Devil Hills, Waves, Duck and other quaintly named and picturesque beachfront towns dot a still largely unpretentious and laid-back strand where many houses are built on stilts for protection against the surging tides that accompany the autumn hurricanes.

Visitors will need a car to travel between golf courses and see the sights.

It's a long trek to the Outer Banks from even the closest major airports: Norfolk International Airport is about 145 kilometres from centrally located Nags Head; and Raleigh Durham International Airport about 338 kilometres.

Another must-play course is Kilmarlic Golf Club, a Tom Steele mainland design carved through 600 acres of maritime forest and wetlands. Kilmarlic hosted the North Carolina Open in 2004 and 2009.

A more player-friendly option is The Pointe Golf Club, a traditional Russell Breeden-designed layout in rural countryside on the mainland.

Far more demanding is The Pointe's sister course — the Carolina Club, a brawny 7,000-yard brute where the shifting ocean breezes present a constant challenge. The signature hole here is a 166-yard par three with a TPC Sawgrass-inspired island green.

3 LIFE

Strike out on a spring trip to Boston, Mass.



Iconic Fenway Park. ISTOCK

From Fenway to Fort Point. There's plenty to see and do in one of the most historic cities in the United States



ON THE MOVE
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In the late '90s, I spent three summers in and out of Boston working as a tour guide. This past weekend, I went back to see what's changed in one of America's most historic cities.

After almost 20 years, the Big Dig is over and the snarl traffic is gone. This massive construction project of underground roadways beneath the city included the dismantling of an elevated highway that cut through the downtown. In its place urban parks have sprung up as part of the extensive Rose Kennedy Greenway, which has blazed a two-kilometre swath of green through the

city core.

The project has united pedestrians and drawn them to the newly developed waterfront area with food trucks, a carousel and more attractions.

Iconic Fenway Park, home to the city's beloved Red Sox baseball team, used to be on the edge of the tourist trail. The charming Commonwealth Hotel changed that by coming into the area 10 years ago and attracting tourists into neighbouring Kenmore Square. The revitalization of the square with hip restaurants and bars like Eastern Standard have made a pre- or post-game meal an experience, and according to my taxi driver Paul, "turned Kenmore into a paah-ty place."

Fort Point is an historic warehouse district that has been transformed into a collection of artists' workshops, businesses and restaurants. My former employer's headquarters on Congress Street, in the heart of the Fort Point area, is still there. However, instead of a lonely Dunkin' Donuts as the only potential lunch spot, to-

day's Congress Street includes a two-block stretch of modern restaurants that were hopping when I strolled by. My meal of white sausage with hazelnut pesto and sorrels, a perfectly seasoned flank steak with chimichurri sauce and a side of golden beets and cauliflower at buzzy Tavern Road was perfect.

Bostonians have always burst with civic pride, but following last year's Boston Marathon bombings, you get the feeling that it goes beyond the love of hometown sports teams and historic buildings. It seems that every citizen has your back and each other's. After brunch at Towne Stove & Spirits on Boylston Street, blocks from the marathon finish line, I wandered up to Engine 33/Ladder 15 fire hall, which has been in operation since 1888. Taking a suggestion from a local we met the day before, I bought a Boston Fire Department T-shirt as a souvenir. The \$20 cost goes to a fund to support the families of two firefighters who recently died in the line of duty.

Bucket List



Camping in Iceland

You may not believe the deals you can get these days with Icelandic Air, which is on a continuous mission to boost tourism on the tiny island. The weather is best in June. Tours within the interior are very organized and not as busy as you would expect — even your mother might like this. Tours within the interior are very organized and not

as burly as you would expect, i.e. even your mother might like this. Overnight camping trips see you kitted out in everything you need, spending the night on the open lava fields, which look more like the moon than Mother Earth. Glacial lagoons, waterfalls, the famous Geysir and Thingvellir National Park should all be on your list. Check out VisitIceland.com.

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A need-to-know for workers-in-waiting

Aspiration ammo. Four facts every job seeker should know before heading out on the hunt

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While job hunting is no easy task, knowing the following four facts will help you determine how to best leverage your job seeking methods and up your chances of landing that dream job.

51 per cent of job seekers who use only one method of job-hunting gave up on their job hunt by the second month

According to jobhuntersbible.com, 51 per cent of those who use only one method of job-hunting gave up on their job hunt by the second month.

On the other hand, from the job seekers who are using at least two or more methods, only 31 per cent abandon their



There's no denying the fact that many hires happen by way of having an 'in' with an organization. Avoid being left out of the loop by getting your name out there as often as you possibly can. ISTOCK

search by the second month.

Researchers discovered that job search success rises with each additional method that you use, but only up to four methods.

If you start using five or more job search methods, it

will start to hurt your chances of landing a job.

Tip: To maximize your chances of successfully getting a job, devote your time to four proven job search outlets such as networking, LinkedIn, your

school's job board and social media.

Most jobs aren't filled by recruiters picking your resumé online

Very few jobs are actually filled by employers or recruiters finding job seekers who posted their resumé on a job board or resumé database.

These databases scan hundreds of resúmes for key words, and it next to impossible to make your resumé stand out in this way.

Tip: Instead of posting your resumé on several job boards, a much more effective tactic is to email your resumé to an actual recruiter who will read it with the human eye.

80 per cent of all positions are filled without employer advertising

Employers don't advertise many jobs because it saves time, energy and money during the whole hiring process. There's little need to advertise a job when an employer

Tell me on a Sunday please

There's an ideal time to send that email:

- If you are going to be emailing your resumé or reaching out to a recruiter, the best time to email them is on a Sunday or early in the morning.
- As not too many messages come in on Sunday, yours will have a higher chance of getting read.
- According to Alex Moore, CEO of Baydin (an email management service), emails sent between 6 a.m. to 7 a.m. are about three times more likely to be opened than emails sent at 4 p.m. Most employers check their emails in the morning, so make sure yours is right at the top of the pile.

can simply hire people that they know, or get reliable references, or hire people who actually reach out to them directly.

Tip: Make sure you are always making valuable connections and keeping in touch, whether it's with your professors, past employers or recruiters working at your companies of interest.

Try following up with and contacting recruiters by introducing yourself, outlining your career aspirations and asking

for an informational interview.

Reach out to your school's alumni network and start a friendly chat with a fellow grad in your field of interest to learn more about how they transitioned into the workplace. After all, they were once in the same position as you and will be able to give you sound advice.

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Of teams and greens

Plant some productivity. Stopping to smell the flowers may be as important to an office worker as it is to an outdoor wanderer

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It's been a long Canadian winter, but signs of spring are everywhere — with national mood-lifting effects.

To amplify the productivity boost that comes from the seasonal change, put some flowers on your desk. A recent study from Texas A&M University found that having flowers and greenery around positively affected employees' ability to generate ideas and problem-solve at work.

Head researcher Roger Ulrich and his team found that employees were able to generate 15 per cent more ideas and come up with a greater supply of flexible solutions to problems when they shared their workspace with flowers.

Feel-better flowers

Beyond ideation, flowers at

work have a significant and positive effect on your health and well-being, say researchers.

Having fresh blooms on your desk can lower your anxiety, combat depression, reduce negative thinking, and may even have a positive impact on memory. Some studies show that surrounding yourself with indoor plants can help reduce fatigue, coughs, sore throats and other cold-related illnesses by up to 30 per cent — which translates into increased productivity, fewer sick days, and cost savings for employers.

Scientists at the University of Exeter studying the links between flowers and creativity found that adding office plants to workspaces resulted in a 47 per cent boost to staff well-being and a 45 per cent increase in their ability to be creative.

Virtual nature

Breaking up your workday for a walk outside delivers an amazing mood uplift and psychological refresh.

Likewise, studies show that exposure to simulated nature scenes can also have a positive impact on your productivity and mood. Slate has reported psychological research by Delcho Valtchanov in which he

placed participants in a virtual reality space filled with simulated trees, flowers, plants, grass and they experienced higher levels of happiness, friendliness, affection, and playfulness.

If that convinces you to swap your desktop wallpaper for images of flowers and leaves, head over to Nature Wallpaper for some stunning free downloads optimized for mobile, desktop screens, or social profiles.

Blossoming at work

Gadgets aside, science provides proof of the restorative potential of nature and the mood boost that comes from a "living" work environment.

Dialling up the leafy factor of your workspace and increasing the green time in your workday is not only good for your mental health, but also contributes to more focused work performance and increased job satisfaction.

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Porcini-Dusted Fish with Brown Butter Sauce. Use dry mushrooms to create a unique taste



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Dried mushrooms offer up a delicious woody flavour to fish and the brown butter sauce makes the experience over the top in taste. You will find dried mushrooms in the produce section of the grocery store for this Porcini-Dusted Fish with Brown Butter Sauce recipe.

These fillets are a generous 6 oz (175 g) portions, a bit larger than the 5 oz (150 g) portions sold in stores. Buying larger fillets and cutting them at home gives you that advantage to enjoy a little more fish. Or you can also serve up six 4 oz (125 g) portions with this same recipe.

Fish

1. In a clean coffee grinder, grind dried mushrooms to a fine powder. Place in small bowl and add coriander; set aside.

Ingredients

Fish

- 1 pkg (14 g) dried wild mushrooms
- 1 tbsp (15 ml) finely chopped fresh coriander
- 1 1/2 lbs (750 g) fresh fish such as pickerel, cod or trout
- 1/2 tsp (2 ml) kosher salt
- 3 tbsp (45 ml) butter

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2. Using sharp knife, cut fish into 4 equal portions if fillets are large. Coat each piece with mushroom mixture and place in baking dish. (Make-ahead: Cover and refrigerate for up to 4 hours.)

3. Sprinkle fish with salt. In a large nonstick skillet, melt 2 tbsp (25 ml) of the butter over medium-high heat until just starting to brown. Add fish, skin side down, if any and cook for 3 minutes. Transfer to parchment paper lined baking sheet and roast in 425 F (220 C) oven for about 10 minutes or until fish is opaque and flakes easily when tested.

Spinach Skillet Side

A gingery garlic zing matches nicely with spinach to serve up as a side dish for many meals. The added kick of hot pepper sauce adds an almost mellow balance to the dish.

For an added kick, add

Spinach Skillet Side

- 1 tbsp (15 ml) canola oil
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 tbsp (15 ml) minced fresh ginger
- 1 bag (8 oz/227 g) baby spinach leaves
- 1/2 tsp (2 ml) hot pepper sauce (optional)



This recipe serves four. EMILY RICHARDS

more hot pepper sauce before serving this side dish.

To make ahead: Cook up the spinach and then let it cool and refrigerate for up

to 1 day. Simply warm it up in a skillet or microwave the next day.

1. In a large non-stick skillet,

heat the canola oil over medium heat and cook garlic and ginger, stirring for about 2 minutes or until softened.

2. Add the baby spinach and hot pepper sauce and cook, stirring for about 5 minutes or until spinach is wilted.



This recipe makes four servings. MATTHEW MEAD/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Fresh approach to baked haddock

If you're contemplating a fresh approach to breaded and baked haddock, turn to the mandoline to render a potato fit for pairing with the fish.

Ingredients

- 1 tbsp canola or vegetable oil
- 2 medium Yukon gold potatoes
- 1 tbsp Dijon mustard
- 1 tbsp mayonnaise
- Salt and ground black pepper
- Dried thyme
- 1 1/4 lbs haddock fillets (about 2 large fillets)

In any other form, potatoes would be too robust for a delicate baked fish. But shaved paper thin, then wrapped around the fish, the potato slices become a deliciously crisp edible wrapper.

Just one caution — there is a reason mandolines come with a hand guard for holding the vegetables while slicing. They are extremely sharp and it's easy to cut yourself.

1. Heat oven to 400 F. Add oil to large cast-iron skillet, then place skillet in oven to heat.

2. Meanwhile, use mandoline

fitted with the thinnest slicing blade to slice the potatoes into very thin rounds. The potato rounds should be as close to paper thin as possible. Set aside.

3. In a small bowl mix mustard and mayonnaise. Set aside.

4. Remove skillet from oven and carefully cover bottom of it with single layer of potato slices, overlapping edges slightly. Season the potatoes with a bit of salt, pepper and thyme.

5. Use paper towels to pat dry the haddock fillets, then brush the mustard-mayo mixture

over both sides of the fish. Place the haddock over the potatoes in the skillet, then arrange a second layer of potato slices over the fish, covering it entirely. Season the potatoes with salt, pepper and thyme, then mist them with cooking spray.

6. Return the skillet to the oven and bake for 14 minutes. Increase the oven to broil and cook for another 2 to 3 minutes, or until the potatoes are nicely browned. Divide the haddock into 4 pieces, being careful to leave the potatoes in place as you serve the fish.

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Donald Sterling

Playoff boycott was on table before ban

NBA players strongly considered boycotting playoff games if commissioner Adam Silver hadn't ruled harshly against Los Angeles



Adam Silver
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Clippers owner Donald Sterling. Players' union vice-president Roger Mason Jr. says he spoke to representatives from every playoff team about the possibility of boycotting games in solidarity against any ruling that didn't include a mandate for Sterling to sell the Clippers.

The Clippers hosted the Golden State Warriors Tuesday night.

Mason says the players are very happy with Silver's decision to ban Sterling for life while urging the NBA's board of governors to compel Sterling to sell the Clippers.

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"I applaud NBA commissioner Adam Silver's swift and decisive response today. He sent a powerful message that there can be zero tolerance for racism and hatred in the NBA."

NBA legend and Charlotte Bobcats owner Michael Jordan

NBA playoffs

Wizards run Bulls out of post-season

John Wall finished with 24 points, Nene scored 20, and the Washington Wizards beat the Chicago Bulls 75-69 on Tuesday night to clinch their first-round series in five games.

Bradley Beal scored 17 points, and the fifth-seeded Wizards advanced in the post-season for just the third time since the 1970s. They will meet Indiana or Atlanta in the Eastern Conference semi-finals. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Wicked Strong boasts Beantown backbone

Exercise rider Kelvin Pahal takes Kentucky Derby hopeful Wicked Strong for a morning workout at Churchill Downs Tuesday in Louisville, Ky. Wicked Strong has a built-in fan base for the Kentucky Derby — the entire city of Boston. The colt named in honour of the victims of last year's Boston Marathon bombings figures to be among the favourites for Saturday's race. Wicked Strong is owned by a Boston-based partnership that has pledged to donate five per cent of any money won by the bay colt during the Triple Crown series to the fund set up for the bombing victims. Scan the image with the Metro News app to view a gallery of Tuesday's events at Churchill Downs. ROB CARR/GETTY IMAGES

Centre of Bombers' focus on sure thing

CFL. Team doing its due diligence to draft impact player with No. 2 pick in draft, possibly to fill hole at snapper

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It could prove to be the most critical decision so far for the Winnipeg Blue Bombers and rookie general manager Kyle Walters. The football club needs a sure-fire hit with the second-overall draft pick in

Quoted

"We'll do some implementation of some systems and things like that, and just get to know them."

Blue Bombers GM Kyle Walters on using their top draft pick on a fit on and off the field

the upcoming CFL Draft on May 13.

The club flew in No. 3-ranked prospect Pierre Lavertu for a private workout at Investors Group Field on Tuesday, and they plan to do the same with another short snapper, No. 9-ranked Matthias Goossen, as the centre position on the offensive line remains a huge need for the

Blue and Gold.

"We're going to let (offensive line coach) Bob Wylie take a look at these guys, put them through a workout," said Walters at a media availability on Tuesday. "The offensive staff will get them up on the board, start talking about some of our systems, see how they react. We'll do some implementation of some sys-

tems and things like that, and just get to know them."

"(Head coach) Mike (O'Shea) and I just got back from lunch with Pierre, and just sort of get a feel for the character of these guys and just doing everything we can to make sure we make the right pick and get the right guy we want here in Winnipeg."

The Bombers have had nearly zero success with recent first-rounders. Beyond the now NFL-bound Henoc Muamba, the names of Andy Mulumba, Tyson Pencer and Jade Etienne have barely registered on the CFL radar.



Flyers forward Wayne Simmonds takes a shot on Rangers goalie Henrik Lundqvist during Game 6 of their first-round playoff series in Philadelphia on Tuesday. BRUCE BENNETT/GETTY IMAGES

Party on, Wayne. Flyers rock Rangers with Simmonds' hat trick

Wayne Simmonds scored three goals and Steve Mason stopped 34 shots to lead the Philadelphia Flyers to a 5-2 win over the New York Rangers on Tuesday night, forcing a decisive Game 7 in their Eastern Conference playoff series.

There's little time for rest, too. The Flyers and Rangers play again Wednesday night

at Madison Square Garden.

Simmonds scored in the first period and twice more in the second for his first career post-season hat trick. Mason survived a busy first period and stopped 31 straight shots until Carl Hagelin scored late in the third. Mats Zuccarello also scored for New York in the final minute.

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2015 Honda Fit

- **Type.** Four-door, front-wheel drive compact wagon
- **Engines (hp).** 1.5-litre DOHC 14 (130)
- **Transmissions.** Six-speed manual; continuously variable (CVT)
- **Base price (incl. destination).** \$16,000

Market position

The range of small models continues to hold steady, with redesigned versions now being adorned with more standard and optional content. This tends to attract buyers who prefer all the goodies in a smaller package.

Points

- Redesigned top to bottom, but retains similar look
- New four-cylinder engine ups power while slightly improving fuel economy
- CVT saves fuel, but isn't as smooth as traditional automatic
- All-new, larger HR-V wagon based on Fit platform due to arrive early next year
- Impressive people, cargo space makes Fit tops in small wagon class



The Fit has been lauded for its fun-to-drive qualities.

Safety

Front airbags; side-impact airbags; side-curtain airbags; anti-lock brakes; traction control; stability control.

Honda's latest is a perfect Fit



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Base price: \$14,900
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3 Chevrolet Sonic Hatchback
Base price: \$16,000
Junior-sized Chevy also comes in sedan version, as do other competitors.

Review. This mighty little hatchback keeps drivers thinking they're ensconced in a larger vehicle

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"The penalty box of life."

Jeff Conrad, Honda's senior vice president and general manager, uses that phrase in reference to the Fit's small-car competitors. And when comparing the latest edition of Honda's mighty little hatchback to the rest of the field, he may well have a point.

Since the car's 2007 arrival,

critics have lauded its fun-to-drive qualities and impressive carrying capacity. And with few exceptions, the newest and smallest of Hondas that are now arriving from their plant in Mexico should receive similar accolades.

The Fit sticks to a proven formula: Keep the size and weight in check; keep the body lean and spacious; and keep drivers and passengers thinking they're ensconced in a vehicle that's larger than it actually is.

Despite being physically and dimensionally similar (a tiny bit wider and longer in distance between the front and rear wheels, but slightly shorter, overall), the Fit actually looks bigger, which is partly



The previous Fit set the bar pretty high, so it's no real surprise that the interior feels richer than the entry price.

a function of more prominent bodyside creases and fenders that bulge out around the wheel openings. Also, the wraparound headlight pods integrate with the grille and no longer extend alongside the

hood. Getting the Fit underway is now the job of a new 1.5-litre four-cylinder engine that delivers 130 horsepower and 114 pound-feet of torque, compared to 117 horses and 106 pound-feet of torque for

the previous 1.5.

Directing power to the front wheels is handled by a new six-speed manual transmission, or equally new continuously variable unit (CVT) option. Honda offers an automatic sport mode with paddle shifters, but ultimately it's no substitute for a multi-speed automatic, even if the latter tends to be slightly less fuel-efficient. Fortunately the standard six-cog manual gearbox is there to save the day.

Despite the more powerful engine, the Fit's fuel consumption is an impressive 7.0 l/100 km in the city and 5.7 on the highway, compared to 7.1/5.4 with the previous five-speed automatic transmission. The less fuel-efficient six-speed manual is rated at 8.1/6.4.

Horoscopes

Aries

March 21 - April 20

Some people won't hesitate to part you from your cash if they can see a way to do it. Don't be suspicious of everyone you meet today but remember there are bad guys in the world.

Taurus

April 21 - May 21

There is no doubt you will achieve much over the next few weeks but you will achieve even more if you can persuade others to take on the boring chores, giving you more time for things that really matter.

Gemini

May 22 - June 21

You may have to get tough with someone who has let you down. Don't go over the top and create unnecessary resentment but do make sure they realize this is the last warning they'll get.

Cancer

June 22 - July 23

It's not easy being a role model but if anyone can do it you can. Be on your best behaviour today, set a good example and only do what is inspiring.

Leo

July 24 - Aug. 23

You will come in for criticism of today but if you are smart, you will ignore it completely. At best it is misguided, at worst it is sour grapes. The fact is some people envy you for being such a larger-than-life character.

Virgo

Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

Accusations will fly thick and fast today but none of the mud that is thrown will stick to you. It's not that you are whiter-than-white — you just know how to disguise what you do better than most people!

Libra

Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

You must not take unnecessary risks today, especially with money. Keep your cash in your pocket and don't let anyone, no matter how smooth-talking, persuade you there is easy money to be made.

Scorpio

Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

Cosmic activity in your opposite sign of Taurus means you won't get far on your own over the next few days, so let partners and loved ones and work colleagues know you need and value their support.

Sagittarius

Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

Don't worry too much if you get behind in your work because there will be plenty of time to catch up later on. It would help, of course, if you were not so willing to take on other people's tasks.

Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

Anything of a creative nature will go well for you but it will go even better if you make an effort to bring other people into your plans. Friends and loved ones want to help.

Aquarius

Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

Focus on helping others today. Everyone knows you're talented but what they may not know is that you get a huge kick from doing good for others.

Pisces

Feb. 20 - March 20

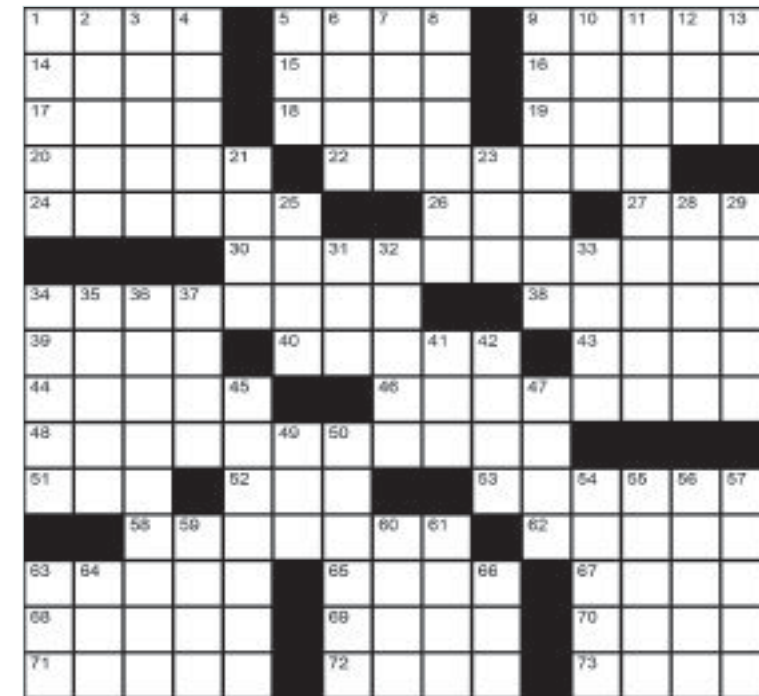
Socially, this will be a great day but some of your friends may be angry that you are spending more time with new acquaintances than you are with them. You can't help if you're popular. **SALLY BROMPTON**

Crossword: Canada Across and Down

Across

- Seasoning sort
- Breeze
- Swift
- Nursemaid
- Really rain
- "The Jetsons" son
- Low-cal
- Yesteryear
- BBQ cut
- Ms. Ekberg
- Motto of outstanding achievement honour the Order of Canada: Desiderantes Meliorem ____ (They desire a better country)
- Mr. Sutherland
- Midmorning time
- Couch break
- "Which Way You Goin' Billy?" by Canadian band The ____

- Spinning-in-the-wind toy
- Iceland band, ____ Ros
- Dosage, ____ day
- Steam bath
- "The King's Speech" (2010) actress Jennifer
- Fighting: 2 wds.
- HST = Harmonized ____
- 1840s: The Great Famine led families to emigrate from Ireland to Canada by way of '____', so-called because of the many



who died from the putrid conditions on board

- Vertical's opp.
- Morning grass stuff
- Shania Twain's "Don't Be ____ (You Know I Love You)"
- Shake
- Steeple

- Carpentry joint part
- Cab
- Spare
- Disguised, informally
- Happy as a ____
- Barenaked Ladies title lady
- Wants
- ____ seed oil

- Heavy weight units [var. sp.]

Down

- Lunchtime greenery
- ____ acid
- Fancy tongue
- 8th Greek letter
- Operative
- Fun-style negative
- Etheric emanation

- "____ Woman" (1990)
- Eyes parts
- Dawn love song
- 1980 horror flick starring actor Leslie Nielsen: 2 wds.
- 'Restrict' suffix
- Tie-____
- Rush's "Xanadu" bit: "To seek the sacred river ____"

- Athletics authority [abbr.]
- Performs
- 1956 rocker: "Be-Bop-____"
- Heat-resistant glassware
- Fairy princess annoyance
- Lavish
- Architect, Ludwig ____ van der Rohe
- Illegally hunt
- ____ deep (Over one's head)
- Region of The New World for Samuel de Champlain: 2 wds.
- WWII RAF support gr.
- B' ____ B'rith
- Snow-capped sights
- Papineau, for Justin Trudeau ...and Outremont, for Thomas Mulcair
- Approx. figures
- Clear
- Swiss timepiece brand
- Disturb
- Middle C site
- Dick ____, Jr. (Broadcasting legend)
- Feats
- Fine
- Story
- Test
- Can
- Opposite WSW
- Gremlin

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Yesterday's Crossword

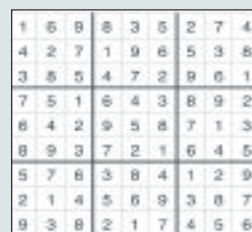


Sudoku

How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

Yesterday's Sudoku



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MIN: -1°



MAX: 7°
MIN: -1°



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